



St. Joseph's Episcopal Church

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Meeting Friday January 22, 2016

van Rooyen Parish Hall

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Annual Meeting

Childcare will be offered following dinner.

*We will discuss our budget
and vote in new Vestry members.*

Agenda for Annual Meeting

Opening Prayer

Appointment of Secretary for Annual Meeting

Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting of January 2015

Official Appointment of Committee on Challenges

Vestry Elections

- **Official Appointment of Election Inspectors**
- **Introduction of Candidates for the Vestry for 2016**
- **Nominations from the Floor**

Annual Reports

- **Rector's Report**
- **Senior Warden's Report**
- **Treasurer's Report/Ratification of 2016 Budget (distributed at the Annual Meeting)**

Reporting of Election Results (and further balloting if required)

Closing Prayer

Annual Parish Meeting adjourns

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2015 MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. JOSEPH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH BOYNTON BEACH, FL JANUARY 30, 2015 PARISH HALL

There was a slideshow of the year 2014 in review that began at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Marty opened the meeting with prayer at 6:45 p.m.

Appointment of secretary for the meeting: Paul Wegner made a motion seconded by Sherry Thomas to appoint Barbara Wegner as secretary for the Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Barbara is retiring after this meeting and Karen Haney will take her place. A motion was made by Barbara MacKenzie and seconded by Janet Gibson to approve the minutes from the 2014 Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

RECTOR'S REPORT & ATTENDANCE

Fr. Marty reviewed upcoming events. He reported an increase in weekly attendance to 429.

RECTOR'S AWARD

Fr. Marty received Ruby Van Rooyen's Rector's Award. He asked people to recommend a recipient for the award. After many suggestions it was decided to give it to Elliott Williams posthumously. Dianne Williams received the award and continued with her Sr. Warden's report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Rochelle Prince gave the Treasurer's Report. She has been appointed as Assistant Treasurer in the wake of Erik Hvide's health issues. Congregation ratifies Vestry's budget. Currently there is \$697,480. pledged. The Vestry voted to set up an unrestricted trust account in foresight should the major donor die. Each year we will take the maximum allowed from the Benevolent Trust Fund and invest it.

Fr. Marty thanked the staff for all the work they do.

VESTRY ELECTIONS & VESTRY MEMBER TRANSITION

Fr. Marty appointed outgoing Vestry members as the Committee on Challenges and Election Inspectors: Karen Antonucci, Christine Pedic and Dianne Williams.

Because of the death of Elliott Williams and the moving of Thelma Gannon, there are actually 5 Vestry positions to be filled. Prior to this meeting the Vestry appointed Marcos Boronat to a 1 year term filling Thelma Gannon's vacancy. Donna Pulda will hold the 2 year term left by Elliott William's death. Fr. Marty introduced the 3 candidates for Vestry: John Port, Sherry Thomas and Paul Wegner. Nominations were opened on the floor; Bobbie Smith made a motion to close the nominations and Gail Drane seconded the motion. Motion carried.



2015 MINUTES

A motion to elect John Port, Sherry Thomas and Paul Wegner by voice acclamation carried unanimously. According to the Episcopal Church By-Laws there needs to be a meeting of the new Vestry after this one to appoint Sr. Warden, elect Jr. Warden, Treasurer and Clerk.

Fr. Marty discussed Ministry transitions and the death of members during 2014.

There was a ceremony of decommissioning the outgoing Vestry and commissioning the incoming Vestry. There being no further business, Rich Haney made a motion, seconded by Shirley Goodrich to adjourn the Annual Meeting of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Wegner
Secretary





VESTRY CANDIDATES

THE VESTRY

The vestry is the official governing body of Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church. Vestry members are elected for a three-year term by the membership of the parish at the annual meeting. Each year, 3 vestry members "rotate" off, and three new vestry members are elected.

This year, the three vestry members who complete their service are Shirley Goodrich, Rich Haney and Marcos Boronat.

According to the By-laws of Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church, in addition to the rector, there are 9 vestry members who each serve 3-year terms. (The Head of Saint Joseph's School functions as an additional non-voting member of Saint Joseph's Vestry. The Associate Priest also sits on the vestry now as a no vote/no voice member.) To ensure continuity, the terms of the elected vestry members are on a tri-fold cycle. Every year the terms of three vestry members expire. No one can serve consecutive terms. The outgoing vestry members form the nominating committee for the 3 new vestry members, who will be elected at the annual parish meeting on Friday, January 22.

The canons of the Church determine the qualifications of electors as "communicant members in good standing who are 16 years of age and over, whose names are duly enrolled as such in the register of the said congregation, and who are regular in their attendance upon its services and make stated contributions of record to its general support."



COLLEEN FRITTS



Colleen Fritts

Hello, my name is Colleen Fritts. I grew up in the Midwest (Minnesota, Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, and Illinois) and the northeast (Connecticut) and was raised Roman Catholic. Once I was in college in Indiana, my parents settled in Plantation, Florida for the next 30 years. I moved to Houston, Texas after college and eventually to Plantation. Once I met and married Steve, we moved to Atlanta, Georgia for five years. We have been living in Boynton Beach since August 2001. I work for Palm Beach County School District as an AAC Specialist (i.e. speech language pathologist who provides communication devices to nonverbal children) and also teach aerobics at the YMCA. Steve and I have been members of St. Joseph's Church since September 2011. I have been teaching Sunday school for five years and I love every minute of it. Our St. Joseph's children are a joy!! I also have been coordinating the foyer dinner groups. This is my second year. I love my St. Joseph's family and I thank God for such a blessing.





VESTRY CANDIDATES



Rachel Oyler

RACHEL OYLER

My journey as an Episcopalian began when I started a search for a faith base in which to raise my then two -year old son, Gregory back in 2002. Apparently, I have been an Episcopalian my whole life, and I learned that in my Episcopal 101 class. Who knew that my belief system of a lifetime could be so easily defined in “Those Episkopols?” I found a more paved road in the Episcopal Church for my personal faith journey, and believe there is fertile spiritual ground in the hearts’ of young families, necessitating an attractive and healthy children’s program like Saint Joseph’s. My confirmation was on March 12, 2006.

My husband John, a cradle Episcopalian, and I attended the Rite I service of the Iona-Hope Episcopal Church in Fort Myers, Florida where we greeted, ushered, served on the altar, and as readers, then we taught a very small Sunday School at their 9:30 service. I eventually gave up my job as a Media and Publications Coordinator for a large private golf community in order to stay home and raise a family. With my new found time, I began volunteering a few hours daily in Iona-Hope’s church office helping with marketing, placing ads, managing their website, counting the money weekly, helping with mailers, updating the database, and any administrative task the rector needed. I joined their vestry in 2006, and was so blessed to have an opportunity to give more. So blessed, that I became pregnant with twins! Lisa and John came into the world on October 25, 2007, and a new busy chapter began for our family. We began attending Saint Joseph’s Episcopal Church in 2009, following my husband’s relocation to Hunters Run Golf Club in Boynton Beach. The rector at Iona-Hope recommended Saint Joseph’s

for its large vibrant youth program and elementary school.

My spiritual upbringing left me with one loud resounding mantra from the Gospel of James, “Faith without works is dead.” (James 2:26) We would all like to believe that our faith will sustain us, with faith itself being one of the great gifts of the Holy Spirit (1Cor 12:9.) But I came to realize that James was speaking directly to me, so I again took action to build my faith through “works.” One day in 2011, I called Saint Joseph’s church office and asked to speak with anyone that could make use of my spare time and skills, once my twins were off to pre-K for 3 hours a day. I have been assisting ever since with the Unplugged bulletin, and now with the Carpenter, the Vacation Church Camp, and with any other job needing a willing pair of hands, including the Blessing of the Animals bulletin and mailings.

My children were growing up fast and I found myself with a bit more time on my hands in 2013, so I took a part-time job managing at Henry’s restaurant during the school year, and was able to keep up, and even add to, my volunteering. Lisa and John are now 8 years old, have attended Saint Joseph’s School for the past two years, and celebrated their communion milestone in 2015. Gregory, now attending Spanish River High School, plays guitar in the Youth Band, volunteers with the summer church camp, and just returned from Winterlight at Kanuga. Saint Joseph’s is a special place to us, and we are blessed to be here virtually every day!

My heart is full and my spirit alive with the privilege of service. It is a mystery to me how God’s grace allows a volunteer to leave feeling like they received more than they gave, but I now offer my “servant’s heart” and willing pair of hands to our parish as a vestry member. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



VESTRY CANDIDATES



BYRON CAMERON

My name is Byron Cameron and it is an honor to be considered and would be a privilege to serve as a member of the Vestry at Saint Joseph's.

Byron Cameron Joseph's.

I joined Saint Joseph's when I moved here from Coconut Grove in Miami. I belonged to St. Stephen's there and was happy to now be living across the street from my church...silly me, I still drive here on Sunday morning.

I studied broadcasting at Emerson College in Boston and have been very blessed by working in my industry for over 30 years. I have worked in sales and business development during my career and have worked with many of the Television News channels producing on-air graphics packages and animation for the Super Bowl. I work as a Digital Strategist now in On-line advertising. I am used to negotiating with vendors and I hope that will be an asset to the Vestry. As a producer, I have also created budgets for Hi end commercials and feature films. I have raised money for Alzheimer's Association , Diabetes Foundation and The American Cancer Society. I am very interested in our outreach programs to the prisons and missions to The Dominican Republic and feel that I can help with donations in special areas.

My secret goal Planet.

is to save the



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ASSOCIATE PRIEST



Rev. Wendy Tobias

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father and we will be satisfied."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, and you still do not know Me, Philip?"

Dear St. Joseph's family and friends,

Thursday, January 07, 2016

Early in his discipleship Philip was still learning that Christ was the full realization of God in human form. He got it, though, eventually and Philip would go on to be one of the first to obey Jesus' command to take the gospel to all people and he continued to do so. (Acts 8:26-40) What that teaches me, and I hope all of us, is to continue to say, "yes" to the realization of God in Christ at work in and through us in the power of the Holy Spirit. In my fifth year as your Associate Priest and lead priest for Unplugged, it remains a privilege to say "yes"... to be willing to serve as your priest asking for the discernment of Christ's Way in all we do.

This past year, Unplugged received the last two of four installments of The Mission Enterprise Zone Grant available as an outcome of Resolution A073 passed by our church's last General Convention in 2012. Unplugged's core mission of reaching 20s and 30s and those who are not here yet fit the criteria. We were awarded \$20,000 which was matched by the Diocese for a total of \$40,000. Thank you for picking up the difference in support of what Unplugged and an Associate Priest offers our ministry.

Here are some highlights from 2015:

- ▶ Unplugged continues to grow steadily each year since 2011 though this year went down a bit in an average Sunday attendance of 127. Last year was 134. Considering the average attendance in 2011 was 86 I look at this as a challenge to reinvigorate. Part of this slight decline was due to the fact that the recovery center that was bringing their clients to church each week moved to West Palm Beach. I am now heading out to the 'mission field' serving two hours once or twice a month at another treatment facility. This continues to educate and inspire my work with this population and, hopefully, gain their involvement with us.
- ▶ Jaime Legagneur continues as our stellar Communication Manager. Hopefully, you have been receiving her regular and enlightening tweets and Instagram postings. She has completely renewed our Unplugged website, & added videos and podcasts! Please visit and 'like' our site if you haven't already at www.stjoesunplugged.org.





ASSOCIATE PRIEST

- ▶ Word Beyond Words service the second Sunday of Lent was well received and will be repeated.
- ▶ Our 20s/30s Bible Study met every Tuesday night in my office using The Covenant Bible series. In the summer we met around a fire at the beach for Lectio Divina.
- ▶ Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic – 21 of us served there from March 15-21, 2015.

We continue to give thanks for our gifted musicians of Live Hymnal, and our amazing Youth Band, both led by Charles Milling, our guest bands, and the dedication of our 30(!) loyal volunteers. Special thanks to Sherry Thomas for doing projection for us EVERY week.

To all of you, thank you for the opportunity to say, “yes” in serving Christ in this sacred place,

-Rev. Wendy





SENIOR WARDEN

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Paul Wegner

I am so fortunate and blessed to be an Episcopalian, especially at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. Over the past year or so two things have reminded me of how blessed I am. One, taking Episcopal 101 with Fr. Marty and Rev. Wendy and the other reading the article by Ben Irwin called, "11 things I love about the Episcopal Church."

For those of you that don't know, I am a cradle Episcopalian which means I have been an Episcopalian since birth. Throughout my life I have been active in several Episcopal Churches. But up until recently I forgot what the core of the Church is. Episcopal 101 and the article have helped me refocus on the foundation of what I feel is heart of the Episcopal Church.

Here are 5 reasons why the Episcopal Church, especially St. Joseph's is so meaningful to me.

1. The tradition of the Episcopal liturgy (worship) is the cornerstone of faith. However, sometimes when we are so familiar with the words we don't "listen" anymore and grasp the true meaning. When we take the time and focus on what we say, sing or do during the service and understand these traditions, it brings such a rewarding fullness and understanding of our faith. Whichever service you attend the feeling is still the same.
2. The way the Episcopal Church especially St. Joe's, is so welcoming to everyone. ***Our Parish Mission is to bring all people into the fullness of Christ's family and nurture their spiritual development.*** Our altar is open to and shared by all.

3. Our Episcopal Church focuses on the positive—the uplifting of God's kingdom without preaching fear, disapproval and negativity. There isn't a Sunday that goes by that I don't leave St. Joe's without feeling renewed, lifted up and empowered. This is not just due to the liturgy but because of the interaction with the people at St. Joseph's.
4. The support system through small groups and ministries at St. Joseph's is in my opinion something we should all be proud of and take full advantage of by becoming involved.
5. Last but definitely not least we are blessed to have our clergy led by Fr. Marty and the church staff. As Senior Warden I am fortunate to have interaction with the clergy and all of St. Joseph's staff and I am confident that they are the key and set the tone for the worship and inviting atmosphere.

In summary what I hope you will all do in the coming months is "listen", focus on the Episcopal liturgy and allow yourself to be moved to become part of this wonderful welcoming congregation by getting involved with a ministry.

-Paul Wegner,
Senior Warden





STEWARDSHIP

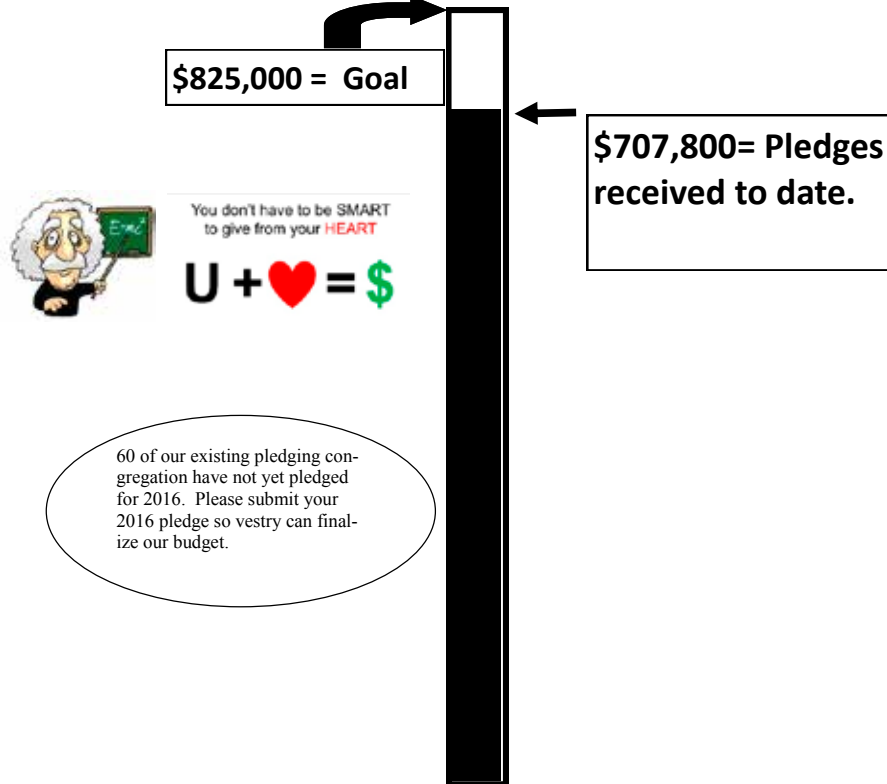


Chris Metzger

Albert Einstein said you don't have to be SMART to give from your HEART. Your hearts have opened up with much love for St. Joseph's. Albert wanted to thank you for the pledges we have received to date that total about \$707,800. Our Pledge Goal is \$825,000, so you can see we are short by about \$117,200. So we need to make up the difference of about \$117,200 NOW in order to approve a budget that does not have any cuts to staff or programs. So get your 2016 pledges in NOW. Also, we presently have about 60 2015 pledging families that have not yet pledged for 2016 as of the date of this printing. Albert asks those folks pledge at the 2015 level or more if you are able. That alone may get us to our 2016 Pledge Goal.

Stewardship 2016

IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE:
IF YOUR PLEDGE IS STILL OUTSTANDING,
PLEASE HELP US BALANCE THE EQUATION FOR 2016.



	Increased from 2015	Same as 2015	Decreased from 2015	New Pledges	TOTALS
Number of Pledges Received	103	89	34	32	258
Percentage Change from 2015	+24%	-	- 39%	-	+3.1%
Average Pledge *	\$2,138	\$2,116	\$1,328	\$786	\$1,854
Total \$\$\$ Pledged	\$220,278	\$417,205	\$45,166	\$25,151	\$707,800

*Highest & lowest pledges removed for data normalization.



JUNIOR WARDEN



Sam Mancuso

Seven years ago, I was called to the Vestry. It was my third term at St Joseph's and my first with Fr. Marty. The good padre asked each of us for our wish list at the start of the new term, and without hesitating my wish was for a maintenance shed for our campus.

Well, thanks to the generous donation to the building fund by our now departed George Putnam, in my current term on Vestry we have our maintenance shed. And what a shed it is. A full-blown, free-standing building complete with permit and hurricane tie downs. The building is 12' by 32' with two lofts, a steel entrance door, a roll up garage door, insulation, drywall, electricity, landscaping, security lights and air conditioning. Our shed will soon be equipped with tools, parts and supplies, and will provide badly needed storage space.

Other areas we have addressed during the past year include:

IRRIGATION

We lost our main pump in early spring. Several contractors told us we needed a new irrigation system and a new well. Costs were very high for this project and we were smack in the middle of the dry season. With lots of research and a willing company we were able to install a submersible pump into the existing well, saving many thousands in the process. The system is fully functional and we hope to add 1 or 2 new zones this year, around the sextant house.

LANDSCAPING

Although we have steadily added to our landscaping to keep in compliance with our city's mandate, the need to maintain and upgrade our grounds is most challenging. Trees, shrubs,

bushes, annuals, perennials, vines, seasonal foliage, lawns, growing native, soil erosion, insects, fences, walkways and so much more! On this year's wish list we could add a full time (volunteer) gardener.



LIGHTING

If you haven't noticed the lighting in the church, it is a good thing. All lighting in the main body of the church has been upgraded using LED bulbs wherever possible. Lighting throughout is white, bright and even. Goodbye to spotty, yellow incandescents and hello to energy savings.

New parking lot lights have been installed behind the church. Old ones were rusted to the point of falling over.

AIR CONDITIONING

Service contract has been renewed and we are replacing units as needed. At this time we are waiting for replacement units for the sacristy and choir room. Planning for additional upgrades are in progress. We are looking at ways to save at the youth house, when it is not in use.

ROOFING

Completed maintenance / upgrade at youth house. Bids for this work were as high as \$16,000. We got the project done for \$1,800.



JUNIOR WARDEN

Repairs were completed on the church roof at the areas on either side of the red door. Excellent job which included fascia repairs and painting.

Parish hall roof has been completely recoated. We have had constant leaks and repairs done with interior damage each time. Silicone coating has a ten year warranty.

Currently taking bids to do a gentle cleaning and basic maintenance on the church tile roof system.

PLUMBING

There are some things, the details about which, you really don't need to know. We have 2 plumbing companies on call for any emergencies. There are no major issues at the moment. If you notice a problem, leak or drip, please report it.

Thank you.

PAINTING

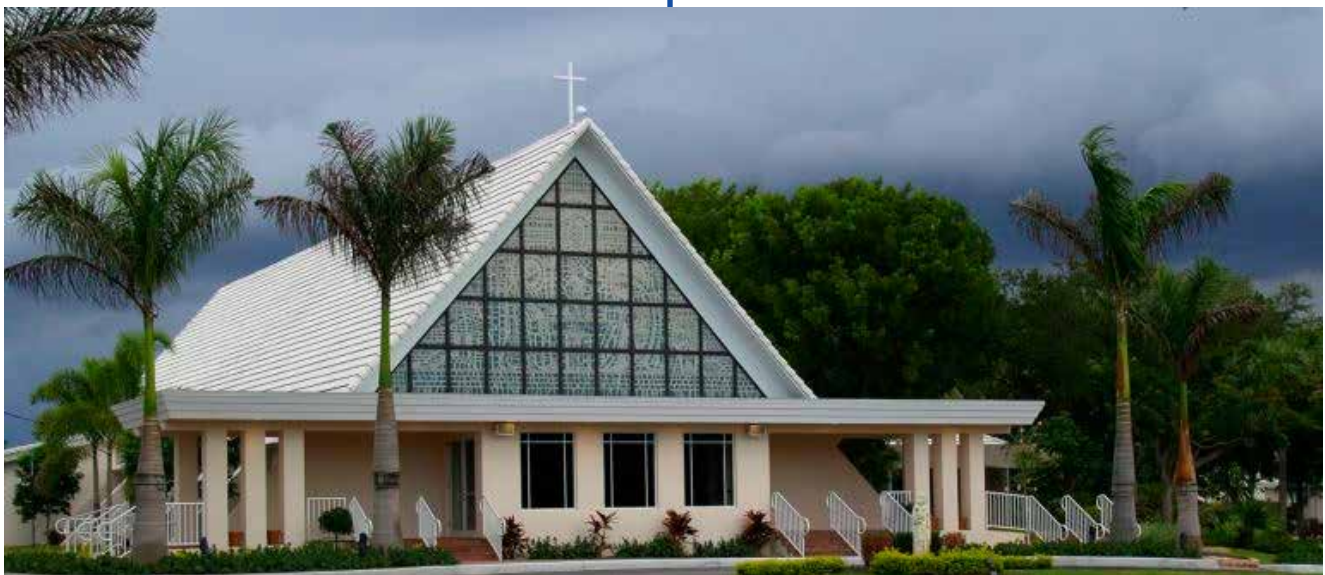
Sexton house exterior was pressure washed, caulked and painted. Re-redos wall behind the altar and handicap spaces south side of church.

OTHER

Sexton house fascia and ceilings. New ramp on south side of church. New awnings on youth house. Repaired mixer, replaced faded signs, updated locks and various other projects.

Thanks to all who provided help with these projects and assisted with advice as well as hands on work. Fr. Marty, Charlotte and Bob Lees, Paul Wegner, Marcos Boronat, Chris Lockhart, The Brotherhood team, youth painters and former junior warden Tad Knutsen.

Respectfully submitted,
-Sam Mancuso





EVANGELISM

EVANGELISM OVERVIEW



Marcos Boronat

Judi Stillman – Welcome Bag Ministry

Since July approximately 140 welcome bags have been made.

Their contents are information on the labyrinth, forgiveness cards, St Joseph's worship schedule, knitted crosses or tissues and candy and pens with St.

Joe's logo on them.

Dianne Williams - Blessing of the Animals
2015 was the 20th Anniversary of the Blessing of the Animals and by many accounts, a very successful one. This year, the Blessing of the Animals was dedicated to Elliott Williams, who passed away in 2014, and his wife Dianne received a special award of recognition. St. Joe's received \$3451 after expenses.

Bobbie Smith – Newcomer Bread Ministry
This Ministry continues to be a success, distributing homemade bread to families that have (or are contemplating) making St. Joe's their spiritual home.

- **Marcos Boronat**



USHER'S REPORT



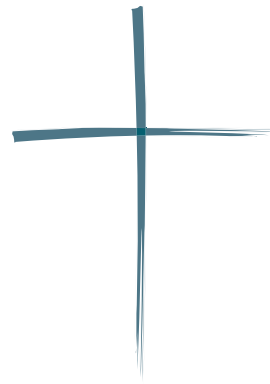
Robert Lees

Again a special thanks goes out to our team of ushers for their work in 2015. Besides the annual "outreach" event - the Blessing of the Animals (which needs 8-10 ushers) - your ushers also served at three Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services and three Easter services attended by almost 2000 worshippers. Your ushers are also called upon to serve at celebrations of life, weddings, and other special events. This year, we were especially honored to serve at the ordination of our own Mary Naughton. All in all, your ushers served at over 170 services and events.

Ushers are there to facilitate the worship services for others. Ushering duties are open to all, including families for the fourth Sunday of the month. A special thanks to the Haddad Family and the Reisert/Cianciolo Family for their service. Anyone wishing to serve or want more information on serving as ushers please contact the church office at 561-732-3060 or Bob Lees at 561-436-7766, or bob@fonu2.com.

Thanks again to all our wonderful ushers who served in 2015.

-**Robert Lees**





EVANGELISM

THE MINISTRY OF GREETERS



Mary Lou Eastham

Being a Greeter is one of St. Joseph's very important ministries. After all, for the visitors arriving, their first contact is with our Greeters. Yes, "first impressions are lasting impressions". Many parishioners at St. Joe's have said that one of the reasons they became members is because of the way they were received while "church shopping".

St. Joe's attendance has grown over the years. Every week, behind the warm smiles, extended handshakes and hugs, the Greeters get down to the "behind the scenes business". They meet with each other and decide who will take responsibility for the various but important weekly tasks. Some of these include helping with the name tags, helping visitors sign the guest book, taking families to Sunday school and the nursery, presenting the chalice and wine cruet to the alter, and handing out the welcome bags to first time visitors. After the service they are still on duty introducing new visitors to Father Marty and other parishioners. They make the new visitors comfortable and welcomed during coffee hour.

I would like to thank all Greeters new and old for all they do. Our church home is a better place because of you. Anyone who would like to be a part of this important ministry, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
-MaryLou Eastham



THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW



Jerry Guthrie

In February, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew had its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. On Ascension Day, we had our spaghetti dinner.

In May, we had our National work day and did many projects around the church.

In June, Bob LeNeve and Jerry Guthrie went to Philadelphia to the Triennial Convention; many new objectives were discussed. The objectives included more involvement with the Boy Scouts, halfway houses for addicts, projects for the churches, our schools in Africa, initiatives to be more involved with the youth by bringing more young men into the chapters.

We held three golf scrambles to raise money for the faith chests and purchased materials for 30 chests to be built. We gathered at Bob Lees' garage several times in the year to build the faith chests.

In November, we celebrated St. Andrew's day with the induction of new members and singing the Brotherhood anthem before the congregation.

We hosted the Chili Cookoff and Advent wreath making and it was attended by over 60 people.

We will continue with BSA tripod of Prayer, Study, and Service.

We are looking forward to increasing our membership of 35 men, boys, and women.

-Jerry Guthrie
Director, St. Joseph's Brotherhood Chapter



EVANGELISM

HEALING PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Healing Prayer Shawl Ministry gives us an opportunity to give comfort and support to family members and friends who are in treatment for and recovering from various illnesses and/or surgeries, new mothers, those who have suffered the recent loss of a loved one, or often distress over job loss, and other troubling situations.

Everyone in the parish is encouraged to request a Healing Prayer Shawl for a family member or friend who would welcome this extra tangible touch of God's healing, mercy, and comfort at this time in their lives. The shawl is blessed at the Saturday, 5 p.m. healing service by Fr. Marty, Rev. Wendy, or Rev. Mary, and given to the person to deliver to the one needing that extra touch of God's love. In 2015, 21 shawls were made and distributed.

We invite members of our parish family to be part of this ministry by knitting or crocheting a Healing Prayer Shawl. It's a simple pattern of knit 3, purl 3 -- 24" wide X 60-64" long -- we usually put a 2" fringe on shawls for ladies, no fringe on shawls for gentlemen. We recommend Lion's Brand yarn in "Homespun" style. We knit/crochet the shawls in an attitude of prayer for the recipient -- seldom knowing who that might be, but God knows and that's what matters

If you would like to request a Healing Prayer Shawl for a family member or friend, volunteer to knit or crochet a shawl, or make a donation toward the purchase of yarn, please feel free to contact BOBBIE SMITH (736-5642) or BARBARA MacKENZIE (585-9557). We would be blessed to have you participate in this worthy ministry as another means of "outreach" to many with God's unconditional healing love.

In Christ's love,
-Bobbie Smith

NEWCOMER BREAD MINISTRY



Bobbie Smith

Visitors at each of our weekly worship services are invited to identify themselves. They are warmly welcomed, prayed for, and given a Welcome Bag. They are asked to complete the card found in the Welcome Bag and place that card in the collection plate.

Our local visitors/newcomers receive a loaf of homemade fruit/nut bread the following week, delivered to their home, along with a note of welcome and an invitation to come often to share in our worship and fellowship. The breads are lovingly baked by St. Joseph's volunteers and delivered by other volunteers.

In 2015, 68 loaves of bread were baked and delivered to local visitors/newcomers who came to share in our worship. Our ministry purpose is to always extend a warm and loving St. Joseph's welcome to those who visit in the hope they will find spiritual nourishment here and become part of our parish family.

In Christ's love,
-Bobbie Smith





FELLOWSHIP

ECW



This is my final report as President of the Episcopal Church Women of St. Joseph's.

It has been a great four years, surrounded by amazing women. We have accomplished so much, given back to our church and community, and still found time for some fun and much laughter.

Gail Drane

We moved from 2 Bazaars to a Fashion Show and Fall and Christmas festivals. This shift in events was less taxing, and way more enjoyable.

All of this was made possible by our wonderful St. Joe's family, working in community, with Our Lord.

I pray that the ECW continue to grow in the Spirit and stay St. Joe's strong!

LLL,
-Gail Drane



HEALTH MINISTRY



For years, I have wanted to have time to serve Saint Joseph's as a Parish Nurse, but when working, this was not possible. Now, in retirement, this is possible. This past year, through this ministry I have provided information to many who have called to discuss

Barbara MacKenzie

their personal situations. This ministry does not provide 'care' but helps people to sort through our complex health care system and help people to find the right source to meet their needs or to provide them with possible options. At times, I have gone to doctor appointments with someone to help to understand the physician reports or to think of questions to ask.

Intermittently we have offered blood pressure checks and we plan to provide this more frequently in 2016.

If you have a question or need, please know that I am available to discuss issues with you.

-Barbara MacKenzie
Parish Nurse





WORSHIP

MINISTRY OF MUSIC & LITURGICAL ARTS



David Clyle Morse

The main part of my job as Minister of Worship Music is to prepare music for the 9:30 a.m. service and work with choirs. Some of the tasks are obvious, such as rehearsing, practicing, selecting music, or ordering music. We work with the modern day challenges of lives that are

busy, often placing choir rehearsals as a second or third priority.

It's clear to me that our musical year has distinct segments:

- ▶ Rehearsals leading up to the First Sunday in Lent.
- ▶ The season of Lent concluding with Easter.
- ▶ Late spring and summer – no snowbirds, people on vacations.
- ▶ A fall that awaits the return of snowbirds.
- ▶ Advent and Christmas concluding with a spectacular Christmas Eve.

I hope that more people will make a short-term commitment to one of these seasonal segments and be less concerned about making a full time commitment. In particular, it's important that we have as many singers as possible during the summer months to help lead the singing of congregational music. If YOU like to sing and are even somewhat familiar with the tunes we use, please come any Sunday at 8:45 for the warm-up rehearsal to run over these songs and a simple anthem.

Some highlights of this past year are:

- ▶ The second annual profound worship experience with the “Word Beyond Words”

Mass on the First Sunday of Lent – meditation, singing, instruments.

- ▶ JAM! Choir (Joy And Music) – children singing on key with joyful hearts and even a song with penguins and monkeys in sign language.
- ▶ Occasional choir singing outside before the beginning of Mass.
- ▶ The presence of bagpipes by our own resident piper, John Flynn.
- ▶ Solos and ensembles presenting music at the beginning of Communion.
- ▶ More a cappella singing by the Choir and the congregation.
- ▶ Music enhanced by trumpets, timpani, cello and clarinet at special services – and the addition of two trombone players from our congregation for Christmas Eve.
- ▶ Choir singers who are led more by the Holy Spirit than the Director of Music – with a wide range of meaning-filled moods.
- ▶ The second Shrove Tuesday organ concert, featuring poetry read by our young people, fabulous keyboard playing by Koko The Gorilla, assisted by Russell The Crow (and me) – and 100 mice flying through the air, to rival the flying monkeys in “The Wizard of Oz.”
- ▶ A combined choir of 48 singers for Rev. Mary Naughton’s ordination.
- ▶ Attendance at the biennial regional convention of the American Guild of Organists (AGO), in Charlotte.

Thank you, people of St. Joseph’s Parish, for continuing to support me in my ministry. As of January 8, 2016, I have been “on the bench” for 49 years and I can tell you it has been quite a journey! I look forward to another great year with many more new and different opportunities for ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

-David Clyle Morse

Minister of Worship Music



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LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs), known as “Eucharistic Visitors” in most parishes (Saint Joseph’s IS unique in many, many ways!) are part of the vital lay ministries in our parish.

According to Title III, Canon

4, Sec. 7, a Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration. In performing this Celebration, the LEMs carry and extend the true meaning of the “Body of Christ” within our parish.

Saint Joseph’s Episcopal Church is blessed with twelve (12) Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Wanda Brady, Jim Coull, Gail Drane, Olive Gill, Betsy Hvide, Erik Hvide, Bob Lees, Barbara MacKenzie, Katherine Metzger, Christine Pedic, Gary Riggs, and Bobbie Smith. Olive and Gary coordinate the connection between the LEMs and the communicants who were otherwise unable to attend this day’s mass.

At the conclusion of Celebration of Mass, especially the 9:30 service, you may observe the Celebrant distributing the communion kits containing the elements blessed in that day’s mass to the assigned LEMs and charging these LEMs with their service to the congregation. Those needing LEM visits make their presence known to the parish office or to Olive or Gary so that a LEM may be assigned and visit schedule arranged. The average interval between visits is two weeks. In 2015, Saint Joseph’s LEMs made about 110 visits and celebrated with about 225 communicants. The LEM visits the parishoner(s) who was absent that day from mass and performs a prescribed Mass of Celebration according to an approved, if abbreviated, liturgy that mirrors the services in

the BCP. A typical lasts 20–30 minutes.

The LEM visit is a communion mass only, and thus and not intended for other worthy intentions, such as prayer sessions or social comfort.



Per Diocesan Canons, a confirmed communicant in good standing or, in extraordinary circumstances, subject to guidelines established by the Bishop, a communicant in good standing, may be licensed by the Ecclesiastical Authority to serve as LEM. The LEM is typically nominated for this ministry by clergy and licensed by the Diocese through the Diocesan School after several training sessions and in-service training by the Rector or licensed LEMs. The LEM license for this Diocese last three (3) and then must be renewed. LEMs celebrate only with parishoners of Saint Joseph’s unless special circumstances warrant permission through the Bishop’s office.

LEMs are required to be bold professors of faith and Christ’s love, and to be intimately familiar with the LEM service as well as the prescribed methods for care and presentation of the blessed elements. Some personal qualities common among all Saint Joseph’s LEMs are a commitment to follow Jesus Christ with love and a path of Christian growth, life by the Baptismal Covenant, faithful in prayer, worship, and Bible study, compassion, commitment, dedication, great interpersonal and listening skills, vulnerability and humility.

Some LEM areas of expertise are:

- ▶ The basic content of the Book of Common Prayer.
- ▶ The theology and meaning of the Eucharist.
- ▶ The structure of the Eucharistic liturgies used in the congregation where licensed.



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- ▶ Practical skills needed in the distribution of the elements.
- ▶ How to respond with dignity to situations that may arise during administration.
- ▶ The names and functions of liturgical vessels, linens, and furnishings.
- ▶ What to do with consecrated elements not used in a service.
- ▶ The nature of the church as community and the need for each member to be included in it.
- ▶ The principles and concerns of ministry with the sick, the aging, and the infirm.
- ▶ The origin and development of Eucharistic Visitors and the relevant canons.
- ▶ The history of this ministry and the responsibilities of the LEM to the parish.
- ▶ How to use the lectionary.
- ▶ Practical matters related to visiting a person at home or in another setting.
- ▶ Basic matters of Pastoral Care.

Submitted, in His name, by
-Gary Riggs

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Liturgical Ministers at 9:30



The Wegners

The liturgical ministers at the 9:30 service number about 11 lectors and 20 altar ministers. We need 5 people for each service at the altar and 2 lectors. Thank you to all liturgical ministers for being incredibly dedicated to this worship ministry. If you feel led to serve please contact Fr. Marty or us and we will provide training. Thank you.

Barbara and Paul Wegner (561-432-6132)

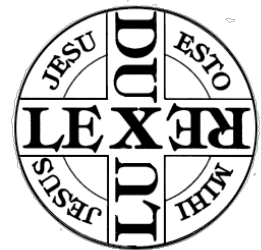
ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN/ LAY ANOINTING MINISTERS



Barbara MacKenzie

The Lay Anointing Ministers (LAMs) continue to join Fr. Marty at the Saturday Healing Service each week for those requesting prayer and anointing. Each Sunday at the 9:30 service LAMs join the DOK in the Lady Chapel after communion. Everyone is welcome to receive prayer and anointing.

Some parishioners come to offer thanksgiving prayers. Some come to request healing prayers for themselves or for family or friends. I have heard some say that their request was not serious enough to come, but remember that God hears all our prayers and needs! All prayers are confidential. When one of the LAMs takes communion to someone who is unable to get to church, anointing and special prayers are part of that visit.



-Barbara MacKenzie
Coordinator

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHAPTER



Carrie Guthrie

The Daughters of The King (DOK) have recently elected and installed new officers.

President: **Carrie Guthrie**
Vice President: **Wanda Brady**
Treasurer: **Barbara MacKenzie**
Secretary: **Christine Pedic**

The DOK also installed 3 new Daughters in September: Barbara Wegner, Pat Lyren and Lynda Shaffer. There are now 53



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Daughters at St. Joseph's.

Our chapter meets monthly from September through May.

The Daughters are in the Lady Chapel for confidential prayer during communion. Prayers are offered to all for any needs, support and thanksgiving.

If you would like to be added to the DOK prayer list, please submit the prayer request form in the bulletin, call the office or notify one of the Daughters. This list is confidential within the Daughters.

Our annual luncheon was held at Dianne Williams' house in August. It was an afternoon of fellowship, prayer and fun.

Our miracle Daughter, Marg Marble, was celebrated with an ice cream social in September. The power of prayer was shown as we witnessed her recovery from a devastating car accident.

The DOK Quiet Day was December 5th. This was open to all and concluded with the 5 p.m. service. It was facilitated by Fr. Marty after a lunch provided by the DOK.

Faith Chests will now have teddy bears provided by the DOK.

The annual Lenten Devotionals, which are written by the DOK and clergy, will be ready for distribution on Ash Wednesday.

Our Young at Heart Luncheon will be held on 2/21/16. Sign up and further information will soon be in the bulletin.

For His Sake
-Carrie Guthrie

YOUTH BAND



Charles Milling

Our beloved 18-revolving-member Youth Band deeply enriched our worship experiences in 2015. They led beautiful singing and playing at eight Unplugged services, Vacation Church Camp, The Blessing of the Animals, Christmas Eve, as well as

extending their reach and positive influence by helping to lead music at youth events. What a phenomenal group of young ladies and gentlemen. Their hearts are purpose-centered. They feel the importance of what they are doing with God here, and they are striving to help God open hearts. All of us are grateful to the community of Saint Joseph's for continuing to support such a treasured and rare ministry. The national church is watching in awe!

LIVE HYMNAL

Charles Milling and our Live Hymnal family were honored to continue leading worship music at 36 Unplugged services in 2015. What a continued blessing for all! More hearts were opened. More smiles and voices responded. More community was developed. Amazing what investing in powerful music can do for the fabric of a growing community!! Charles continues to work daily in the music building, not only bringing up youth music leaders, but moving Live Hymnal forward with their next release, "Procession". They can't wait to share it with you!

Charles Milling





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VOICES IN BRONZE YEAR END RING REPORT 2015



Sue Tiller

Each year as we prepare to start our bell ringing season, a bible quote and a prayer or poem are selected to represent the focus for the coming season. For 2015, our bible quote selected was “Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.” Psalm 71:3

And the following prayer:

Music as a Second Language

O Creator of wonder and loving care, we thank you for the multitude of languages that resonate throughout our world. Their unique patterns of sound, rhythm and expression enable your people to express their thoughts and ideas with spoken and written words.

We praise you, Source of tenderness and mercy, for giving us as well a universal language understood by all with no need of translator or interpreter. When our joy or grief, thankfulness or despair are beyond all known vocabularies, we can still give voice to the deepest emotions of our hearts with the language of music.

Now as we prepare to play, we pray, O Gracious One that we may be so focused on the music before us that every note we ring will speak to a listening heart and proclaim your great glory. We ask this in Jesus’ name, Amen

From Ringing True by Linda Stahelin

Handbell choirs are unique in the musical world simply because of the fact that it takes the entire team to play “the instrument,” which is not complete if someone is missing. As with life

there are always highs and lows and so it is with our ministry the Voices of Bronze. So while we celebrate our successes as we continue to develop as a choir we are also saddened by our losses and having to say goodbye. The prayer, Music as a second language was specifically selected as we have been blessed these past two years to have the opportunity for so many exchange students to become part of our bell family. As we said goodbye to Manolo from Mexico, Kuzuki from Japan we have said a BIG HELLO to Sheren from India, Yasuz Malek from Yemen, Alejandra from Mexico and Bela from Indonesia

We are so fortunate that we have been given the opportunity to enhance the worship service in offering musical selections that will compliment worship and the liturgical seasons of the church year. Our music selections try to encompass many different musical styles from traditional hymn tunes to contemporary praise music.

Lent saw us being part of the silent service as we opened with the plaintive praise song “Mary, Did You Know” and then branching out to offer the spiritual “I want Jesus to follow me.”

Our spring offerings we played the wonderful Shaker tune “Simple Gifts” and then turned our hand to a more contemporary feel with our offerings of “El Shaddai” and “Hallelujah”.

This past Advent saw 4 new ringers and we set our goals high with pushing our ringing abilities with the energetic “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” It was one of the hardest songs we have done to date both in tempo changes and technique! We rounded out the offerings with Advent standards “Savior of the Nations and “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”. We are looking forward to an exciting and growth filled year as we welcome and RING IN 2016!

In the movie “It’s a Wonderful Life”, they say, “Every time a bell rings an angel gets their wings”



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... It's time to join the few, the proud, the ringers of St. Joseph's! Come join our Handbell choir!! No experience necessary and we will teach you to read music. We range from very beginner to the more advanced ringers in an intergenerational choir setting. We meet on Monday nights from 7:15-8:30 p.m. For further information please ask any Handbell choir member or call Sue Tiller at 561-714-6254

-Sue Tiller



MINISTRY OF ACOLYTES

Did you know?



Sherry Thomas

The word acolyte means "attendant" or "one who helps". Acolytes have helped with the worship service since the early Christian church. Some say that acolytes have an even longer history - that Samuel, who assisted Eli in the Old Testament, was really the first acolyte.

1 Samuel 2

"And the boy became the LORD's helper, for he assisted Eli the priest and wore a linen robe"

Saint Joseph's Acolytes assist the clergy at the altar and in processions, carrying the crosses (crucifer and priest cross), candles (torches), banners and flags. Being an acolyte provides children grades 3 and up and young adults with the unique opportunity to more fully participate in the worship service and to assume a leadership position in our Parish, learn our traditions, and to actively participate in our services in a very unique and memorable way.

It can be scary up there especially for services that are not the norm and have different duties that need to be performed at the last minute.

I am so blessed to work with 34 dedicated youth and young adults who participate in the Ministry of Acolytes. I am so grateful for their service to our Lord and our wonderful St. Joseph's Church and family.

Christ's Peace and Love,

Sherry Thomas

Acolyte Master



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VACATION CHURCH CAMP



Dee Zlatic

VCC 2015 Everest

Saint Joseph's Vacation Church Camp (VCC) continues to be a major summer treat for preschoolers, children, youth and adults. The week of June 8-13 explored EVEREST, and everyone learned that God has the power to provide, comfort, heal, forgive, and love us forever. Each day, all experienced a different bible verse, bible story, and key bible truth for the day, as they travelled with their crews to Games, Theater, Crafts, Video, Church, and



Snacks Stations. NOTE: Preschoolers and their crew leaders experienced everything the elementary aged children experienced, but in their own safe space, led by VCC director Barbara Wegner.

God provided an incredible staff to work camp again this year. Object lessons with Godly meaning delighted all participants. Mike Farmer played the character Trek Rockrambler, whose climbing crew left for Mount Everest without him. Rev. Wendy Tobias and Rev. Mary Naughton mesmerized the children and youth each day with experiential-style learning of bible stories in a created "bible-times" environment in the youth house. And, at the close of each day, the "Abominable SnowBand" youth band directed by Charles Milling and Tess Bath, wrapped up the lessons with music and a fun presentation with Father Marty, "Trek," and friends .

472 REGISTERED For VCC 2015	SJEC members	"Other church" members	# different churches represented	No church	Represented Schools
101 Youth volunteers	55	38	17	8	33 different schools
62 Campers Preschool	11	39	17	12	24 different schools
244 Campers(K-5th)	71	136	37	37	38 different schools
63 Adult volunteers	58	5	5	0	n/a
3 Nursery	3	0	0	0	n/a

OUTREACH: The camp collected 65 tissue boxes and 145 uniform shirts, along with approximately 42 uniform dresses/shorts/skirts/slacks. The uniforms and classroom-size tissue boxes go to these local Title One schools: Forest Park, Galaxy, Palmetto, Pine Grove and Rolling Green, and to Gautier School in the Dominican Republic.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS: Michelle Ashley, Donna Banting, Sarah Barnes, Tess Bath, Monica Beniste, Karin Bice, Jennifer Boddicker, Susan Brand, Monica Brown, Margaret Carpenter, Mary ann Cevasco, Jeannette Dietrich, Marsha Farmer, Mike Farmer, Andrea Flynn, Joan Fox, Colleen Fritts, Annette Gellermann, Janet Gibson, Simone Green, Jackie Hagman, Georgia Handy, Tom Handy, Elizabeth Hill, Jean Krokus-capizola, Luann Langley, Charlotte Lees, Patricia Lyren, Barbara Mackenzie, Jennifer Marangos, Eleonora



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Marzo, Joan Meyer, Mitsy Seaga Mian, Charles Milling, Mary ann Mitchell-Rowland, Peggy Morales, Cecelia Murry, Rev. Mary Naughton, Nora Naughton, Rachel Oyler, Lynn Patteson, Amber Patteson, Christine Pedic, Stephanie Ream, Jennifer Robertson, Megan Rothrock, Brian Rowland, Sharon Santiago, Patricia Sheaks, Gay Sideris, Pam Sterling, Sherry Thomas, Debra Titkemeier, Rev. Wendy Tobias, Caroline Tummino, Carolyn Van Overloop, John & Beverly Vivian, Kenneth Washburn, Barbara Wegner, Rev. Marty Zlatic, Dee Zlatic.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS: Stevenson Altemar, Carolyn Amaya, Sarah Bailey, Chloe Baur, Tessa Baur, Shayna Benner, Savannah Benner, Bryan Benner, Cerrin Blakeley, Cameron Blakeley, Lauren Blank, Madison Bourque, Zack Brand, Hannah Burke, Lucas Bustamante, Joseph Campo, Madeline Carpenter, Allie Carpenter, Diego Chavez, Cristian Chavez, Aidan Crane, Daniel Davis, Hannah Davis, Jenna Defrances, Marina Dietrich, Isabella Dimarco, Kaili Duchock, Jocelyn Feliciano, Lauren Fletcher, Ryan grace Flynn, Emma Gabbey, Margeaux Gellermann, Carmelina Gorski, Ryan Haag, Tommy Haag, Annalee Handy, Preston Hill, Sarah Hillman, Mark Hillman, Tyler Hrynkiw, Phillip Hyland, Steven Jimenez, Jasmin Jimenez, Julian Johnson, Sara Kaczor, Elisabeth Kern, Makenzie Langley, April Lanning, Ryan Lashley, Kate Lowry, Quinn Lowry, Mark Mahady, Joseph Matuella, Veronica Mccord, Alexandra Monte, Naya Nelson, Emily O'connor, Megan O'connor, Carmen Ones, Derek Paul, Alia Payne, Matthew Perez, Sarah Pernice, Danielle Peskowitz, Samuel Peterson, Sophia Pisana, Stevie Polhemus, Joshua Port, Hector Ramirez, Nicholas Ramondini, Raymond Reiersen, Allison Rivera, Thomas Robertson, Taylor Rose, Lauren Rowland, Patrick Rowland, Charlotte Rowley, Nicholas Sama, Natalee Sama, Hector Sardina, Anthony Sardo, Maria Schuller, Michael Sheaks, Dylan Silvestri, Mackenzie Snyder, Kylie Snyder, Trae Steele, Jade Steele, Luke Stivers, Jermayne Thigpen, Olivia Thompson, Jolie Thompson, Cena Thompson, Jordan Thornhill, Cameron Tummino, Victoria Uys, Dean Uys, Lucas Walsh, Gregory Warnecke, Grayson Westine, Barrett White.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Zlatic

Children's Minister





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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Dee Zlatic

Children's Ministry serves the needs of all children from birth to 5th grade and their families.

Sunday School is for children from Nursery through 5th grade and occurs during the 9:30 a.m. service. Children are escorted back to their families in church before

Communion. Curriculum is from Godly Play, Living the Good News, and Weaving God's Promises.

2015 Statistics

Children on Database: 178

Sunday School Teachers: 18

Children's Ministry Team: 51

Baptisms: 18 children and 1 adult

Superintendent Luanne Varn is in her fifth year as Sunday School Superintendent.

Sunday School teachers teach the first two Sundays of each month using the "Weaving God's Promises" curriculum. Returning teachers are Michelle Ashley, Jeannette Dietrich, Colleen Fritts, Stacey Kern, and Jennifer Power. Tom and Georgia Handy and Chris Reisert join the Sunday School team this year.

Godly Play every third Sunday in Sunday School for preschool through second grade. Using the Episcopal curriculum "Godly Play", children experience the holy through storytelling techniques. Returning facilitators are Sarah Barnes, Barbara MacKenzie, and Christine Pedic. Gail Drane has joined Godly Play this year.

Gospel Play, every third Sunday during Sunday School, third, fourth and fifth grade students learn about the Gospel with emphasis on the Lord's Prayer this year. Material is gathered by Gospel

Play Sunday School Teachers Caroline Tummino and Dee Zlatic.

Family Ushers serve every fourth Sunday. Our families in 2015 are The Franklins, Haddad, and Reisert/Cianciolo families. The Flynn family also serves every fifth Sunday and as needed.

Shepherds assist children in church and alert Sunday School classes when to return to church. Shepherds for 2015 in order of Sundays are The Flynn family, Pam Schafer, and Marsha Farmer.

Children's Choir:

J.A.M.! (Joy and Music) choir is directed by David Clyde Morse for 2nd grade through 5th grade students. Mrs. Jennifer Boddicker is Choir Parent and assists David with rehearsals. There are currently 4 members of the choir.

Toddlin Together Classes

Designed for babies through children "not-in-preschool yet" and their caregivers, Parishioner Georgia Handy facilitates this group that meets weekly. This program serves our youngest plus is a great outreach to the community outside our church.

Additional Children's Ministry Information:

- ▶ **Childcare** for various ages is provided from 9 a.m. through 12:45 p.m. (the end of the Unplugged Service). Childcare is also provided at special services and/or events as needed (i.e. Episcopal 101, Annual Meeting, etc). We are blessed to have Patricia Sheaks and her father Oscar Sotomayor (lovingly called Papy) and Stephanie Wrona as ongoing childcare staff. Georgia Handy is support staff.
- ▶ **Holy Baptism** - The Sunday School classes return early to watch the baptisms at the 9:30 a.m. service. The newly baptized receive a faith chest (by Brotherhood of St. Andrew) filled with personalized, age-appropriate items created and donated by parishioners and the church organizations. Items include



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plush bear (DOK), hand-stitched baby quilt (Sassy Sewers), Christian books (ECW and DOK) and music and a personalized hand-crafted baptismal banner (Janet Gibson, Joan Fox, Jean Thayer). Event Coordinator Cher Sandhoff coordinates the special coffee hours. Photographers capture the momentous event. On the fourth Sunday in January, we celebrate the newly baptized at the 9:30 All Ages Worship with a projected slide show of the baptisms and a presentation of the personalized banners. This year, a total of 18 children and 1 adult were baptized.

- ▶ **Holy Communion Milestone** - This series of classes for First and Second Grade (or older) students and their parents is offered to our parish and school. In 2015, the Very Reverend Doctor William Stomski assisted by Mrs. Jennifer Williams prepared 14 students and their families for Holy Communion Milestone Eucharist on May 17, 2015.
- ▶ **Acolytes** - 3rd-5th grade students serve as acolytes for the 9:30 a.m. service. They miss Sunday School when serving. Sherry Thomas is Acolyte Director.
- ▶ **Vacation Church Camp** - This 6-day summer offering occurred in June. See separate report.
- ▶ **Special Events** - Children's Ministry special events include Sunday School Kick-off, old-fashioned carnival games on the Sunday closest to Halloween, Palm Sunday reenactment with live donkey, Easter's egg hunt, and the end of Sunday School year church picnic. Special Events Chair Sylvia Jimenez continues to coordinate these activities.
- ▶ **Christmas Eve:** The 4 p.m. service had the annual "spontaneous Christmas Pageant" for children. Approximately 100 children participated. At the 6:30 p.m. service, baby Jesus was played by newly born Zachary Truong, with parents Laura and Thuy as the holy family.

YOUTH OUTREACH (YO) 6TH-12TH GRADE:



Debra Titkemeier

I can't believe another great year has gone by, and I am excited to see what 2016 brings us!

Our Youth are some of the coolest people you will ever meet and it's so much fun watching them figure out how to work together and grow closer. This spring you could find our youth helping in a lot of ways. We helped serve at the Young @ Heart luncheon, and with your generosity they participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring, which is a national youth lead campaign to stop hunger. They raised over \$590 for the Holy Redeemer Food Pantry. The cool thing about our youth is that they choose to help others outside of our traditional youth program. You can catch a lot of them being acolytes on Sunday, or helping make music in our youth band, and the choir, and in other ministries. We had 8 of our awesome youth give up their Spring Break to go on the mission trip. It's so fun to watch our youth shine when they have fun while helping others, and expressing their faith.

The beginning of this summer, our youth and a lot of their friends volunteered to help make St. Joe's Vacation Church Camp AWESOME!!! This year VCC was, as usual, a crazy fun time of working! Our youth became role models for a week to all the many children that were participants in the week of fun and learning. Last year's theme was Everest! Our youth were awesome, shepherding the children around as well as leading and entertaining them. We love VCC! Beyond helping others, the youth team up to help raise money for the things they love to do. Each spring and fall they and their awesome parents give about three days to prepare each Yard Sale to cover some of the cost of their summer and winter Kanuga trips. This year, after a week of volunteering for VCC, our youth loaded



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up the bus and headed to North Carolina to attend Youth Week at Kanuga. The High School students attend Senior Young People (SYP) and the Middle School students attend Junior Young People (JYP). Kanuga is such a great place for our youth. It is a second home to a lot of them - a place they can be with friends and safe place to just be themselves. We also have a lot of our graduated youth joining the Youth Week and Winterlight teams to help put on these events! They all love going and being at Kanuga!

This summer, 2016, we have a new group of youth going on Pilgrimage! They are Joe-Joe Matuella, Madeline Carpenter, Jasmin Jimenez, Derek Paul, Julian Johnson, Steve Altemar, Sam Peterson, and Cerrin Blakeley.

Together with their facilitators, Lorraine Baker, Rocco Casucci, Brent Langley, and Sherry Thomas, they have been preparing and fundraising this past year. One of their fundraisers was a Cuban Dinner and silent auction, which was new and very tasty! It was a really fun night! Thank you for all who came out and all that have supported our other fundraisers! Please join us at our 5 course gourmet Italian Dinner February 13th at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in the church office for \$30. It will be amazing food and a great date night,

In the fall, we started off the school year by going to Rock the Universe at Universal Studios in Orlando. It was such a fun night of rides and music. We then started our Wednesday and Sunday Youth groups. Last year's Rite 13, J2A, Pilgrims and Wednesday Night Madness groups not only meet for learning and fellowship they also got to participate in fun events such as costume bowling, lock-ins, pumpkin carving, Christmas caroling, Etc. We could not have done any of our Youth events without the help and support of their parents and of course their amazing facilitator! The facilitators are also some of the coolest people you will ever meet! They really care about our

youth and get to know them as well as teach them. It's not always the easiest of jobs when you're working with teenagers but it is highly rewarding! I want to thank each one of them for taking on this role and being awesome at it! Thank you Karan Antonucci, Carrie Frazer, and Rich Haney (facilitators of Post Pilgrims); Lorraine Baker, Rocco Casucci, Brent Langley and Sherry Thomas (facilitators of the Pilgrims); Carrie Guthrie and Sara Trovinger (facilitators of J2A); and finally the rock star team of Beth Hill and Joan Therein.

We had a good 2015 and 2016 is looking awesome! On behalf of all our youth I want to thank everyone at St. Joseph's for all the support you have given and continue to give us! THANK YOU!!!!

Debra Titkemeier

Youth Minister





TECHNICAL MINISTRIES

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“Technical Ministries? I don’t recall reading about that in the Bible?!” That may be your first reaction to the idea of a church having a Technical Ministry.

Sherry Thomas

The Tech Ministry at St. Joseph’s - although we are small we are mighty! Our team consists of John Carpenter, Rich Haney (our Vestry Liaison), and Sherry Thomas. We have recruited Marcos Boronat to help with technical needs at the 7:45 a.m. service. Sue Oakes created and manages our Web Site, stjoesweb.org, and Karen Antonucci handles our Public Relations and Constant Contact. Constant Contact is our email announcements of this week’s sermons and other important special messages that need to get out to our parishioners.

If you have not signed up for our emails, you can go to our home page, stjoesweb.org and click on:



It only takes seconds and I promise you will not get inundated with useless emails. You can sign up for just the announcements you want to receive.

All of our new computers and software have been functioning well, but our aging server is telling us, with constant failure messages, it’s time to replace. Hopefully in this year’s budget that can happen. Without a healthy server our whole system is at risk.

If you enjoy serving behind the scenes, and are not afraid of technology, then perhaps the Technical Ministry is something you would be interested in joining. We are always looking for people who are faithful, available and teachable to help expand our team. Experience is helpful but a ministry heart is more important.

-Sherry Thomas

WEBSITE AND GRAPHIC DESIGN



Susan Oakes

During 2015 I continued with the maintenance and design of the main website of St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church, www.stjoesweb.org, under the supervision of Vestry liaison Rich Haney.

Our Google Calendar, updated regularly by Sherry Thomas, contains all major parish announcements and events, programs, and other vital information for parishioners and newcomers seeking a church home, with a direct link from the button bar of the website. We also utilize Constant Contact to keep parishioners informed, coordinated by Karen Antonucci. We link to an extended Picasa Photo Gallery, on which photos of parish events are available for viewing and download, including the beautiful work of our parish “photog”, Georgia Handy.

The sermons page, containing an archive of St. Joseph’s sermons and Gospels, is maintained by John Carpenter, who does most of the recording in the choir loft incorporating sermons from both Fr. Marty, Rev. Wendy and Rev. Mary.

I also create a slide show as seen on the home page, which is now able to be viewed on mobile devices and is updated every few months showcasing the events and fellowship which St. Joseph’s is famous for!

During 2015 The Carpenter continues to be edited and produced wonderfully by Rachel Oyler. I have done this Annual Report, as part of my ministry in conjunction with Rich Haney, who coordinates, edits, and generally mops up after me, keeping us all on deadline!

The Technical Ministries team we have built, Rich Haney, Rachel Oyler, John Carpenter, Sherry Thomas, Georgia Handy, Karen Antonucci and myself, support each other in the job of keeping the St. Joseph’s family informed and involved. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to my team members for all their efforts, making my contribution possible.

-Susan Oakes
Webmaster

OUTREACH MINISTRY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE



Linda Sorenson

The purpose of the Outreach Committee is to determine the distribution of the income (\$60,000) from The Benevolent Fund, set up many years ago by a generous donor, that is earmarked for “outreach”. The monies are to support missionary work and community charities that serve the needy. The committee presents its recommendations to the Vestry for final approval. The committee for 2015 was Kenneth Albrecht, Gail Drane, Barbara MacKenzie, Christine Pedic, Matthew Phillips, Linda Sorenson, and Fr. Marty Zlatic.

Parishioners participated in many events with charities in the community over the past year, including C.R.O.S. Ministries, Family Promise, Habitat for Humanity, and Holy Redeemer Episcopal Church programs serving their neighborhood.

The Vestry approved the following recommendations:

PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF OUTREACH FUNDS - 2015	
Bishop Todd and the Rev. Patsy McGregor, Madagascar	\$6,000
Caridad Center, Health Care	1,000
C.R.O.S. Ministries, multi-facet social service organization	2,000
Family Promise, homeless program for families	2,000
Fr. Marty’s Discretionary Fund	5,070
Theological Seminary in Haiti, Fr. Pierre Gaboud, Dean	1,000
Fr. William’s/Rev. Lynne’s Pension	9,270
Habitat For Humanity of So. P.B. Co.	1,000
Neighborhood Revitalization Program, Holy Redeemer, Lake Worth	7,000
Kairos Prison Ministry	2,000
Mary Naughton, seminary expenses	4,660
Mission Trip to Dominican Republic	8,000
Nursing Home, Boca Chica, D.R., staffing expenses	7,000
Our Little Roses Foreign Mission Society, Honduras	1,000
St. Joseph’s Episcopal School	3,000
Total	\$60,000

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Sorenson
 Outreach Committee Chair



OUTREACH MINISTRY

HOLY REDEEMER DINNERS

*“Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness and the darkness around you will be as bright as day.”
Isaiah 58: 10*



On the second Friday of every month, volunteers from St. Joseph’s bring the light of Christ to needy, often homeless, people at Holy Redeemer Church in Lake Worth. We nourish their bodies with a hot **Christine Pedic** and healthy meal, and we hope to nourish their souls as well.

Volunteers serve on a rotating schedule, with stand-by helpers available if someone is unable to be there on their assigned day. We each shop for and bring a component of the menu, which may be 96-oz lasagnas, bread and butter, meatballs and sauce, salad ingredients, lemonade, bananas and other fresh fruit, and dessert.

We arrive at 3:30 p.m. and begin to heat the meatballs, slice and butter the bread, plate the dessert and prepare the salad, which includes beans, corn and cheese as well as lots of veggies. At 4:30 p.m. we gather our guests for prayer. Dinner is then served to our brothers and sisters in Christ. We usually serve 40-60 people, mostly adults but often children as well.

We are blessed with a dedicated group of volunteers and are especially happy to have young people and children joining us this year. Their cheerful smiles are a gift to all who attend.

There is always a job for parishioners who feel called to help. If you can’t be physically present on Fridays, donations of food are welcome. Many thanks to the Sassy Sewers group who donated money for fresh fruit and special desserts. The ice cream was a real treat during the summer months! We are deeply grateful to all of St. Joseph’s volunteers who support us with their time,

donations and most of all prayer.

Respectfully,
-Christine and Tony Pedic

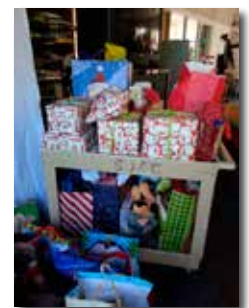
ANGEL TREE



The 2015 Angel Tree Outreach programs with Holy Redeemer Episcopal Church in Lake Worth were a resounding success.

We kicked off the sneaker and work boot drive November 1, and collected over 40 pairs! We were also the reception point for sneaker and work boot drives from St. Gregory’s and Chapel of St. Andrew’s: St. Joseph’s Episcopal School delivered the shoes from all three parishes to Holy Redeemer on December 11.

The children’s Angel Tree outreach was much smaller this year. We received and filled Christmas wish lists for 100 children, ranging in age from 0-18. We also collected a plethora of additional gifts for girls and boys - unnamed children that may have otherwise missed out on a little bit of the Joy of the Season.



I would like to thank all my volunteers. They are too numerous to name, but every one is important to me, and to the success of this outreach program. Volunteers cut and hung angels, made announcements, signed out angels, signed in gifts, transported shoes and gifts to the storage shed, sorted and bagged gifts by family, loaded up cars, and delivered everything to Holy Redeemer. And, of course, the entire parish is full of volunteers who shopped for sneakers and work boots, and hunted down children’s wishes, and wrapped gifts. Thank you, all.

Karen Haney